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Special Event

MUSTAPHA NABLI

"How to Transform the Arab Spring into an Economic Spring: The Case of Tunisia"

Tuesday, January 07, 2014, 3:30PM - 5:00PM
 Mershon Center for International Security Studies
 1501 Neil Ave. Columbus, OH 43201

** Special notice: Because the university will be closed on Tuesday, January 7, the official talk has been cancelled. However, Dr. Nabli has already arrived in Columbus, so instead we will be holding an informal discussion with him at 3:30 p.m. in Room 120 of the Mershon Center. Anyone who can come is invited to attend. Dr. Nabli will make some introductory remarks about the possibilities of revitalizing the economies of the Middle East and next steps.**

[Register here for this event.](#)

Mustapha Nabli is a Tunisian economist who has served as governor of the Central Bank of Tunisia from the revolution of 2011 to July 2012. He received the Prize of the President of the Republic in June 1969 for his bachelor's degree in economics from Tunis Ecole Nationale d'Administration. He received his masters and doctorate in economics from the University of California, Los Angeles. Nabli is professor of economics at the Faculté de Droit et des Sciences Politiques et Economiques de Tunis. In addition, he is a visiting professor at various universities in Canada, the United States, Belgium and France.

He has served as chairman of the Tunis Stock Exchange (1988-90), minister of economic development and minister of planning and regional development of Tunisia (1990-95), member of the U.N. Secretary General High Level Group on "Development Strategy and Management of the Market Economy" (1994-96), senior economic advisor with the World Bank (1997), regional chief economist and director of the Social and Economic Development Group for the Middle East and North Africa (1999-2010),

and senior adviser to the World Bank chief economist (2010-11). Most recently, Nabli served as the governor of the Central Bank of Tunisia.

Abstract

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In this talk, Nabli will provide a broad perspective and a comprehensive view about the origins and causes of the New Arab Awakening. He suggests that in order to understand the Arab Spring or New Arab Awakening, we need to place it in the long historical context of the political and economic developments at least since the 1950s or the post-independence era. A review of the various stages of the political, social and economic experience will be presented with its successes and failures. Nabli also suggests using the analogy with financial crises and distinguish between vulnerabilities and immediate triggers in order to understand the recent events and how they varied across countries including contagion and different outcomes.

This event is co-sponsored by the Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Middle East Studies Center, Center for African Studies, Department of Near East Languages and Cultures, and John Glenn School for Public Affairs.



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